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CURRENT TOPICS.

There is a big shortage in the country's wool supply.

Oscar Wilde's English prose is going to the land.

A cane or umbrella handle, with a time-piece set in, is a novelty.

It is said that gold has been discovered in Franklin County, Mass.

Patron Ooms owns an Omaha theater. He can do his own thing.

Governor Hitz was inaugurated New Year's day at Albany, N. Y.

New Orleans will not be able to open her \$3,000,000 hotel for a year.

Atlanta is to have connection with the through European railway route.

The State Treasury of Illinois has \$8,807,117 on hand, and is out of debt.

Governor Harrison has insured his life for \$10,000 in a New York company.

The Empress Frederick has collected \$1,000 newspaper obituaries of her husband.

Since January 1, no car stove can be used on any railway in the State of New York.

A new volcano is reported from Tobacco, Mex. It spouts forth large streams of red water.

The mileage of railroads in the United States has more than doubled in fifteen years.

Texas is said to be a general decline in the interest in music. Money receipts show it.

More than \$10,000 in cash has been paid out in the search for the murderer of Snell, of Chicago.

In 1888 there were eighty-seven legal executions in the United States, New York leading with nine.

The new President of Switzerland is named Hammer. He is expected to hit the nail on the head every time.

At the request of Emperor William horse-racing in Prussia on Sunday and holy days has been stopped.

H. P. CURTIS, who has been elected to Congress from the Second North Carolina District, was born in slavery.

The mayor of Chicago has asked the courts for definite instructions as to the extent of his power in dealing with anarchists.

It is proposed to have an extensive park at Washington, the expense to be borne jointly by Congress and the District of Columbia.

A French chemist has invented a process for treating steel by which steel, iron and silver metal can be made at fabulously low prices.

This announcement is made that President Cleveland will permanently reside in Georgetown, D. C., after the close of his official term.

The Pope has written a cordial letter to the prelates in Ireland, informing them that he has sent a rich gift to each of the Irish cathedrals.

American wagons have the market in South America, and the American wheelbarrow is to be met with in every portion of China and Japan.

A Mexican sorcerer has predicted that Mexico will conquer the United States in 1891, and some of the Mexican papers say that she is infallible.

The number of mules in an elephant's trunk, according to London medical authorities, is 22,122, and he has us for each and every one of them.

It is to be regretted that canvas-back ducks and terrapin are scarce this season, the former selling at \$8 per pair and the latter as high as \$60 a dozen.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., has passed an ordinance making it unlawful for any person under seventeen years of age to smoke cigarettes within the city limits.

"If you don't want to buy, come in any how and pet our cat," is a friendly invitation which a sign in front of a Sedalia (Mo.) store holds out to passers by.

Over fifty women in Little Rock, Mich., have formed a dress-reform club, and declared themselves against laces, high heels, tight shoes and stiff corsets.

During the past year 1,487 persons committed suicide. Of this number 1,145 were males and 342 females. The favorite method of suicide was by shooting.

This country has had nearly eight thousand miles of new railway in 1888, and there are only two States out of the thirty-eight which did not build a single mile.

The German rifle factories are turning out 20,000 repeaters of the new pattern every month. At this rate two years will be required to arm the regulars and the landwehr.

Governor Hull has appointed George B. McClellan, son of "Little Mac," to his staff. This makes young McClellan a Colonel. He is one of the Wall Street reporters for the Herald.

An enterprising second-hand book dealer advertises "two pounds of good novels" for sale. Fiction is getting down to a fair commercial basis when it is sold by the pound like butter.

The car-wash which is loaded with animals, and which goes off when the car leaves the track in a bad accident, is again in the corner, burning for revenge upon those who have abused it.

A BULLDOG ran into a Tennessee negro who was stealing a pig struck him in the arm, ran up to the shoulder, passed down to the left side, twisted around two and dropped at his feet.

Deacons are unknown in South Carolina. Marriage is for life, and there is no provision for its dissolution. On this account it is said that there is less marital infidelity there than in any other State.

A CITIZEN of Fresno, Cal., has started a man farm. He will also raise large quantities of persimmons and sweet potatoes, and his dinners in the fall of the year will be a feast for the community.

STARTLING REPORTS.

Representing That Americans Are in Danger of Their Lives

At Port-au-Prince by Reason of President Legitimist Threats.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A special to the Mail and Express from Port-au-Prince, dated December 31, says: "Articles in the Haytian newspapers contain furious threats against Mr. Thompson, Minister of the United States to Hayti. Many Americans have been arrested, men and women. American consulates are filled with refugees. Hayti's army is marching on this city—Port-au-Prince. I interviewed Legitimist to-day and he said he could show no clemency to foreigners who interfere in Haytian politics. Legitimist stated to me that he would 'shoot 500, if necessary.' The excitement here is intense. Americans at Port-au-Prince are in danger of their lives."

TWO HEARTS.

Together and Particulars Personified in One Individual.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 2.—The Mercer County medical society devoted the latter part of its session yesterday afternoon to the examination of Wm. King, the colored man who is said to have two hearts. He is about thirty years of age. The examination proved that he has a divided heart, such as is found in the lower animal kingdom. The heart beats at a perceptible rate on both sides, excepting that the sound is less perceptible on the right than on the left. He claims to be able to drop his ribs like a set of double action window blinds, but this was done, it was detected, by his control of the oblique, transverse and rectus muscles. He claims that he can change the locality of his double hearts, but this was pronounced a piece of jugglery, the result of long practice. He ceased his heart, pulse and temple to cease beating for a period of sixty seconds, and the physicians pronounced it a successful effort. King is now in the county jail for being drunk and disorderly. He announces that his mother discovered his double heart when he was six months old.

Constitutional Amendment Proposed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Springer, of Illinois, to-day introduced in the House a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution. It provides for the election of the President and Vice-President by a direct vote of the people, and for the term of six years. It makes the President ineligible for a second term, and extends the term of members of Congress to three years, the term to expire December 31. It also provides that each session of Congress shall begin the first Wednesday of January in each year.

Arm Chopped Off Inch by Inch.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Jan. 2.—One of the most horrible accidents ever recorded occurred three miles in the country Monday night. Ely Buckley, farmer, was operating a portable saw-mill. While pulling in corn stalks his mill was caught in the cog and his arm drawn into the knives, which were set to cut every inch. The machine was operated by steam, and inch by inch the man's hand and arm to the elbow were chopped off before the machine could be stopped. He is in a critical condition.

Centus of War Veterans.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—A petition was presented in the Senate to-day by Mr. Hays, signed by Henry Hall, business superintendent of the New York Tribune, urging that legislation be enacted that shall provide for a complete enumeration in the next census of the surviving veterans of the war of the rebellion, including name, age, residence and length of service.

The Chinese Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The President sent to the Senate to-day an Executive communication on the question of the Chinese treaty. It contains an elaboration of facts made public heretofore by the Administration, and a copy of a dispatch from the Chinese Government refusing to ratify the treaty unless given further time to consider it.

Naming New Senators.

LANSING, MICH., Jan. 2.—The Legislature of 1889 convened at noon to-day. At the first session Henry Hall, business superintendent of the New York Tribune, was nominated by acclamation to succeed Senator Palmer.

Honors to Americans.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—The foreign legionnaires Legion of Honor decorations yesterday were Messrs. Scribner, of the Agricultural Department at Washington; Munson, a vine-grower, of Texas; and Joeger, of Missouri.

Seal Captured in Jamaica Bay.

JAMAICA, L. I., Jan. 2.—Ex-Deputy Collector of Customs Creed captured a fine specimen of the spotted seal in Jamaica Bay this morning. It is about three and a half feet long and weighs about one hundred pounds.

Designs for Grant's Monument.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Nearly sixty designs, coming from all over the world, have been received here for the monument of General Grant.

Insane on a Train.

CHENEST, ILL., Jan. 2.—Thos. Fullford, of this place, became violently insane on a railroad train. He hoisted his hat and was rebuked.

Accidentally Shot Himself.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Jan. 2.—Paul Burr fatally shot himself to-day, while removing a cartridge from a rusty revolver.

Drunk Acid in Her Desperation.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Miss Michael O'Leary, made desperate by her drunken husband's ill-treatment, gave a dose of carbolic acid to her two-year-old boy to-day, and drank a quantity of the poison herself. The woman and the little one are still alive, but with small chance of recovery.

Cost of an Old Soldier's Keep.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2.—The Soldiers' Home in this State has 1,001 inmates. For 1888 the cost of purchased rations has been 15 cents per day, and cost of clothing \$16.32 per man per year.

HUMAN ALMANAC.

Birth-Mark Which Changes With the Moon—Colorings Which Denote Its Phases With Exactness.

CONNELLYVILLE, Pa., Jan. 3.—Connellville has a brook whose of immense value to farmers in setting out their crops and to the superstitious people who cut their hair and finger-nails at certain stages of the moon. The brook is James H. Rothermel, a carpenter, possessed with a peculiar birth-mark at the base of his brain, so it is naturally crescent in shape and bluish in color. As the moon is turning the first quarter the mark becomes a reddish hue, and the swelling of the flesh below it, extending diagonally across the neck to the right shoulder, is perceptible. The mark becomes redder as the moon grows older, and the flesh swells correspondingly. When the moon is full the crescent is of a bright red, and the flesh assumes a horn-like roll over two inches in thickness at the largest part, gradually tapering to a point on the shoulder. As the birth-mark grows larger as the moon becomes full, so it decreases in size as the moon wanes, and when the moon is quite dark there is nothing to be seen but the bluish, crescent-shaped mark. Mr. Rothermel suffers no inconvenience by enlargement of the neck, nor does he endure much pain. He needs no assistance to tell the change in the moon, simply placing his hand on the neck to feel the condition. While going to school the scholars and teacher often observed the changes in the birth-mark, and wondered at the remarkable regularity with which they occurred.

IGNORANT, BUT PRETTY.

A Brooklyn Girl Marries Every Man She Meets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Londie McAllister is the name and eighteen years the age of an ignorant and good looking girl in Brooklyn who was to-day discovered to be a virgin. She is a native of Ireland, having never learned that there were laws against it. She says when driven from home three years ago she married Joe Hink. He deserted her, and while in Providence, R. I., looking for him, she met and married John Dooley. His proving to be a more virginal man, she supported her abject crime back to Brooklyn, where she made the acquaintance of John McAllister, to whom she is now wedded.

A Monster War Vessel.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Private information was received at Castle Garden to-day of the launching of a new war ship by the Italian Government. The vessel is called the Umberto, and her displacement is 13,298 tons, or 1,328 tons more than the Trafalgar and Nile, England's two largest war vessels. The new ship is four hundred feet long and has a beam of seventy-six feet. She draws fifteen feet of water. Her sides have three sheets of steel, and her speed is eighteen knots an hour. Two sister ships of the Umberto are being constructed at Spezia, and will soon be launched.

Dynamite Under a Freight Train.

RENTON, PA., Jan. 3.—A quantity of dynamite was exploded on the tracks of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad at Mahanoy place last night. Four dwellings were partly wrecked and the town was badly shaken up. The rails were torn up for a distance of twenty feet and an accident was barely averted to a fast freight train. The explosive is supposed to have been placed on the track by train-wreckers. No one was injured.

The Kate Adams Horror.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Jan. 3.—The United States inspectors who are investigating the burning of the steamer Kate Adams have obtained evidence which satisfies them that forty-two persons were lost, instead of fourteen, as they reported several days ago. It now appears that eighteen children smothered to death, and a ton of the boat's cargo perished in addition to the victims already noted.

Letter-Box Thieves Sentenced.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—To-day Judge Blodgett sentenced Oberkumpf and Mack, the two men who have been tried here for some time past for stealing letters from the street letter-boxes, to the penitentiary—Oberkumpf's sentence being for five years and Mack's for three.

No Lull.

GENEVA, SWIT., Jan. 3.—A man named A. C. Roberts, of this place, who had a plan for insulating India, was taken out of jail to the woods, strung up five times and left unconscious on the ground with a notice pinned to his coat ordering him to leave the country. He has not been seen since.

Magazine Blown Up.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Jan. 3.—A powder and dynamite magazine at Minn, Tenn., was blown up yesterday, totally demolishing the magazine, but no one was hurt. The force of the explosion was felt fifteen miles away.

Wanamaker on the Black List.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—It is said that Wanamaker's appointment as a Cabinet officer would be resented by workingmen, for the reason that he is on the black list of all the labor organizations in the country.

Killed by an Earthquake.

ST. PETERSBURG, JAN. 3.—Severe earthquake shocks were felt to-day in Khofed and Katakos. Many persons were killed and a number of buildings were destroyed.

Death of an Old Citizen.

WILSON, MISS., Jan. 3.—David Irwin, a resident of this place, died and was buried to-day. He was one hundred and fifteen years old.

A Treasurer Short.

AUSTIN, TEX., Jan. 3.—E. W. Gilcrease, county treasurer of Montgomery County, Tex., is short in his accounts \$4,000.

Last View Taken from a Gibbet.

MAV LANSING, N. J., Jan. 3.—The crime for which Robert Elder to-day suffered the death penalty was the murder of his father, Wm. John Elder, on the afternoon of Saturday, August 4, 1888. Young Elder was about twenty-seven and his father about sixty years of age.

A Town of Quick Growth.

OMAHA, JAN. 3.—The town of Springer, Oklahoma, was laid out November 30, and Indian Territory citizens elected officers. December 15 the population was fifty, December 31 it was five thousand.

OVER THE OCEAN.

Floods Cause a House to Collapse, Killing Twelve People.

Little Girl Murdered and Horribly Mutilated—Other Foreign Items.

ROME, Jan. 4.—The floods are extending to Istria, and have done much damage to houses, which collapsed, twelve persons were killed.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—News of the terrible murder of a little girl in a field close to a village road in Somersetshire, with much the same general details as those in the case of the boy murdered at Bradford last week, has been received.

CALIF., Jan. 4.—The authorities have information from Kharatun indicating that the white Pasha is Stanley.

DUNSMITH, Jan. 4.—Mr. Edward Harrington, member of Parliament, who was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for publishing in his paper, the Kerry Sentinel, reports concerning the progress of the National League, was to-day transferred from the Tullamore Jail, where he is to undergo his imprisonment. He was attired in prison garb.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Seven skaters were drowned in the Ludwig Canal at Nuremberg to-day.

DUBLIN, Jan. 4.—The eviction of tenants on the Ophir estate at Falcarragh, County Donegal, was continued to-day. The evictees went to the house of a tenant named Doogan, but found the place deserted by a score of men armed with rifles, who had entrenched themselves behind the loopholed walls. The priests who accompanied the evictees entreated the defenders to leave the house, but the men refused to pay any attention to them. The riot act was then read, and the defenders were about to fire on the house, when the magistrates stopped them and notified the party in the house that they would give them an hour in which to refrain from the course they would pursue. After the expiration of the hour the defenders announced that they would not then attack the house, and, after a despatch struggle, were repulsed. Finally the priests persuaded the men to surrender. During the fight a police inspector was badly wounded.

LOADED WITH WATER.

A Boy Killed in a Most Extraordinary Manner.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—Yesterday Noah Stiepp, a thirteen-year-old white boy, was killed at his father's home, on Logans street. The number of his death is most unusual. All the rear portion of his skull was blown away by a charge of musket fired from an old army musket, a relic of the war. The boy and his sister, younger than himself, were playing together in the kitchen. Securing an old musket which had not been fired for twenty-seven years, he inserted the barrel in the house and placed the muzzle end in the fire of the stove. Calling his little sister to "come and hear the water in the barrel boil," he leaned over and placed his ear to the breach of the weapon. As he did so the explosion occurred, blowing away his skull and leaving him lying on the floor. The barrel of the musket contained a charge which had been placed in it during the war. The boy was not aware of this and was merely in search of fun.

A Police Highwayman.

CLOVERDALE, CAL., Jan. 6.—A double stage robbery occurred to-day. The down stage from Mendocino City was stopped near Philo about 11 o'clock by a masked highwayman, who demanded the treasure box, and holding a revolver in one hand, took the box from the driver with the other. He thanked the driver, and ordered him to drive on. The stage driver, "Good night, gentlemen." The stage only gone a few hundred yards when it met the up-stage from Cloverdale, and the driver remarked he had been robbed, but gave no details. The express boxes were all that were taken.

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BROKE IN TWO.

The Paris C. Brown's Wreck and Sunk in the Mississippi—A Passenger and Seven of the Crew Drowned.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 6.—The sinking of the Cincinnati steamer Paris C. Brown at Hermitage, near Bayou Sara, and 100 miles above New Orleans, makes the ninth river disaster that has occurred on the Mississippi near this city in the last three weeks. About ten minutes after nine o'clock last night, when the Brown was en route, she was sighted by the steamer Oliver Belmont, then landed there, to make a landing. The Brown waited in the middle of the stream for the Belmont to back out, and when the latter did so the Brown attempted to make a landing, but in doing so struck a snag or log which projected a foot from the river. Her hog chains gave way and the boat broke in two, the cabin falling in amidships, and the entire boat becoming a complete wreck in two or three minutes. The shock alarmed every one on the boat and created some panic among the passengers. The captain and crew did all in their power, but they could do nothing to save the steamer, and devoted themselves to using their axes and cutting loose the boats on the deck. This took some time to do, and in the meanwhile the Brown was sinking deeper and deeper into the water. Fortunately William Glas, of Hermitage, heard the crushing noise made as the snag went through the steamer, sprang into his skiff lying at the river bank and went to the assistance of the sinking vessel. She was surrounded by hogheads, boxes and other pieces of her freight, and water was pouring in. He got near enough to take off the lady passengers, chambermaids and others. Returning, he made several trips to the boat, and thus took off the greater portion of the crew. The Brown was within a few yards of the shore at the time of the accident. Otherwise the loss of life would have been much greater. The crew was thrown by means of floating hogheads, lumber, etc. A cabin passenger from Vicksburg, named Miller, was drowned, together with seven of the crew.

FARMERS AT A MILL.

Suddenly Hown Into Fragments by a Boiler Exploding in Their Midst—Six Lives Lost by an Engineer's Carelessness.

FERRISBURGH, Jan. 6.—At New Hope, Mercer County, Va., a frightful accident occurred Saturday afternoon. A number of farmers had gathered at William Porter's farm-mill, as is the custom on Saturdays, to get their supplies of flour. A number were talking in the mill-house when the boiler exploded, completely wrecking the mill. Joseph E. French, Thomas Carter, Levi Shields and John Winmer were instantly killed, their bodies blown into shreds. Eli Shields died from his injuries to-day. Pieces of flesh had dropped from the arms of Wade Shields, who was killed. Jerome Carter and William Carter were also seriously injured. The explosion is said to be due to the carelessness of the engineer in allowing the water in the boiler to run low. The explosion was of terrific force. The boiler was blown into splinters, and pieces of the boiler weighing two hundred pounds were blown three hundred yards.

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FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

Second Session.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—SENATE.—A number of bills were introduced. Consideration of the tariff bill was resumed. At 3 p. m. the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—A bill was passed granting thirty days leave to employees of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, also a bill prohibiting attorneys from charging a fee for securing an increase of pension, but permitting a contract with any person in the State where an applicant lives, at the rate of three dollars for each case. A joint resolution was introduced for the admission of Idaho and Arizona. A bill was passed providing for the delivery of letters with the special delivery stamps whereon late postage has been omitted, and for the collection of the amount due. The river and harbor bill was taken up. At 4:20 p. m. the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—SENATE.—The resolution heretofore offered by Mr. Voorce, calling on the Secretary of the Interior for a list of all homestead, timber culture and pre-emption entries to public lands, succeeded after issuance of final receipt, and certified therefor, during the present Administration for causes other than voluntary relinquishment, was taken up and agreed to. On ordering the resolution (which were agreed to) calling on the Secretary of War and Interior for copies of records and papers relative to the service of volunteers in Washington and Idaho territories in the New Mexico war of 1877. The tariff bill was taken up and the cotton thread schedule considered until 5 p. m., when the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—After the passage of some unimportant bills, a resolution was reported from the Committee on Rules providing that during the remainder of the session there should be no adjournment of the House for more than two days, except on the day of suspension Monday. This would prevent filibustering on those days, and the filibusters interested made the point of no quorum. Progress was thus stopped, and at 3 p. m. the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—SENATE.—The President's office presented a message from the President, supplementary to that of Wednesday last, relating to the introduction of bills in cipher by the Secretary of State to the American Minister at Pekin (which has been omitted). Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Mr. Sherman reported a resolution, which was agreed to, calling for all correspondence

